

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Chesapeake, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 27, 2013 to February 26, 2013

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Norfolk Department of Recreation, Parks, and Open Space; 2839 Dana St. Norfolk, VA 23509; GW0060001

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Norfolk Nursery; 425 Harrell Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City of Norfolk Department of Recreation, Parks, and Open Space has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the City of Norfolk's Nursery in Chesapeake, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 5,520 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support irrigation of field and container grown nursery crops and a domestic water supply. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Yorktown Eastover aquifer at a depth between 106 feet to 300 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: Computer modeling predicts that the aquifer will not experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal.

HOW TO COMMENT AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Hank Ghittino; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA, 23451; Phone: 757-518-2197; E-mail: hank.ghittino@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.